

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ORIG: [REDACTED] 21 53z  
 UNIT: MD/OSA-DD/S&T  
 EXT: 7509  
 DATE: 4 DECEMBER 1963

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## ROUTING

1	MD/OSA	9	DD/OSA
2	MD/OSA	10	CD/OSA
3	D/FA/OSA	11	RB/OSA
4	OD/OSA	12	
5	OD/OSA	13	
6	OD/OSA	14	
7	D/TECH	15	
8	DD/OSA	16	
PRIORITY		DEFERRED	PRIORITY
		ROUTINE	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE
			INITIALS
			INITIALS

TO [REDACTED] 25X1A

FROM: DIRECTOR

CONF:

INFO: OSA 1-15

25X1A

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31210

TO [REDACTED] INFO [REDACTED]

CITE [REDACTED]

7586

OXCART

DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1 SEP THRU 2 DEC, AT LEAST 21 DRAG CHUTE FAILURES WERE REPORTED ON A-12 AIRCRAFT. ELEVEN FAILURES WERE LISTED AS DEPLOYMENT MALFUNCTIONS AND TEN AS JETTISON MALFUNCTIONS. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THESE FAILURES ARE DIMINISHING. WILL APPRECIATE A REPORT GIVING YOUR ANALYSIS OF THESE FAILURES AND WHAT ENGINEERING IMPROVEMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO INSURE SOMETHING APPROACHING 100 PER CENT RELIABILITY FOR THIS SYSTEM.

END OF MESSAGE

D/TECH J.P. (in draft)

25X1A

C/MD/OSA

RELEASING OFFICER

COORDINATING OFFICERS

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GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER